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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAHIKO KUBOTA, et al.) : Examiner: L. Liang
Application No.: 10/646,700) : Group Art Unit: 2853
Filed: August 25, 2003)
For: SOLID SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT,)
INK TANK, INK JET RECORDING)
APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH INK)
TANK, LIQUID INFORMATION)
ACQUIRING METHOD AND LIQUID)
PHYSICAL PROPERTY CHANGE) : March 6, 2007
DISCRIMINATION METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

The Notice of Allowance dated February 23, 2007 indicates that previous objections to the drawings and specification have been withdrawn "because Applicant has testified to the correctness of the drawings and specification in a telephone interview on 2/16/07".

The undersigned is uncertain of what is meant by "testified to the correctness". In the telephone interview, the undersigned simply affirmed that he was not aware of any errors in the drawings or specification, and confirmed the statement in the Amendment dated December 21, 2006, to the effect that there would be cooperation in correcting all minor informalities of which he is aware.

If the Examiner intended a different meaning by his phraseology of "testify to the correctness", or if the above explanation dictates a different outcome, then he is respectfully requested to state such for the record.

Even though these Comments are being filed after allowance, it cannot properly be said that Applicants have "failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application" (see 35 U.S.C. § 154), since this is Applicants' first opportunity to comment. Accordingly, Applicants should not be penalized with a reduction in patent term in spite of the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(10).

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. O'Neill", is written over a horizontal line.

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